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Letter dated 30 March 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith a statement released by the spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on 29 March 2017 with regard to the fact that the United States is driving the situation on the Korean peninsula to an ever more extreme phase through the profound confusion of right and wrong (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 61, and of the Security Council.

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A spokesman for the Foreign Ministry of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) released a statement on 29 March 2017 with regard the fact that the United States is driving the situation on the Korean peninsula to an ever more extreme phase through the profound confusion of right and wrong.

The statement recalled the fact that, on 27 March, a spokesman for the United States Department of State had malignantly referred to DPRK over the warning served by a spokesman for the General Staff of the Korean People's Army with regard to the "special operation" staged by the United States and the south Korean forces, terming it a "provocative act" and "inflammatory remarks".

The warning is an entirely just measure for self-defence against the heinous provocateurs, given the prevailing situation that has reached a phase that can never be overlooked.

After kicking-off joint military drills involving hundreds of thousands of troops and nuclear strategic assets, the United States is staging a "special operation" drill, the keynotes of which are a "beheading operation" for "eliminating the headquarters" of a sovereign State and a "preemptive strike" operation designed to destroy its nuclear and rocket bases. Its ulterior design is clear.

The United States has worked hard to justify the war rehearsals, talking about its transparency, but it is nothing more than a paradox. Its trumpeting about transparency is just the outbursts of a gangster in order to commit robbery in broad daylight.

As the strategic depth of DPRK is not big, the only way to defend itself from a sudden pre-emptive attack from the modern strategic assets and special warfare units of the United States is just to mount a resolute pre-emptive attack.

If a war breaks out on the Korean peninsula, the United States will be held wholly accountable for it, no matter who launches a pre-emptive attack, as it is causing trouble by bringing lots of nuclear strategic assets and special warfare means, not content with persisting in its hostile policy toward DPRK.